

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 30 through 32.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-25 as being unpatentable over Abecassis in view of Hunke.

In particular, Hunke discloses changing the zooming based upon (1) the target exceeding a threshold; (2) tracked target near the margin without another being tracked; (3) tracked target near the margin with another being tracked; (4) the size of the target falls short of a given minimum. In these cases, Henke presumes that the target is properly being tracked.

Claim 1 has been amended to patentably distinguish over Abecassis in view of Hunke by claiming designating the object as the target of the tracking system while the object tracking system is activated, wherein the magnification is decreased automatically based upon a low confidence that the object is being said tracked.

Claims 2-20 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for the same reasons asserted for claim 1.

In view of these amendments, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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This Amendment is being submitted with a Petition for Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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